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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following information to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,969,335 to KARASAKI, which issued on October 19, 1999.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above document and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted patent document, together with a copy of a PTO-1449 Form listing this document, is included for that purpose. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of this document and to return a signed copy of the PTO-1449 form to the Applicants together with the next Official Action in the present application.

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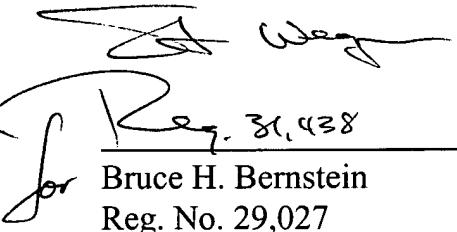
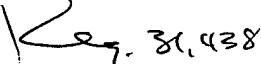
Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/881,769 to NAKAI et al., entitled "Method and Apparatus for Laser Drilling", which was filed on June 18, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the reference of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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